Opening of a sub-Post Office at Basot in Almora

4191. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that residents of Basot have represented for opening a sub-Post Office at Basot in Almora;

(b) whether it is a fact that they have also requested for opening of branch post office at Kota; and

(c) if so, by when a sub-post office at Basot and branch post office at Kota will likely to be opened?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir, The proposal for upgradation of branch post office at Basot was examined, but not found justified according to norms.

(b) No request for opening a branch post office at Kota has been received.

(c) In view of reply to Parts (a) and (b) above, the question does not arise.

Setting up of PCO's in Gujarat

4192. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the district-wise, number of places in Gujarat where PCOs with STD facility have been set up during the years 1990-91 and 1991-92; and

(b) what are the district-wise places where such telephones are proposed to be set up during the year 1992-93?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) District-wise number of STD PCOs provided in Gujarat during 1990-91 and 1991-92 is given in the enclosed. Statement (*See* below).

(b) A total of 1668 STD PCOs have been provided in Gujarat during 1992-93. Distrcit-wise details of PCOs provided so far are given in the enclosed statement. (See below).

More will be opened during 1992-93 as and when new demands come up.

Statement

Sl. No.	Name of SSA (District)	No. of STD PCOs set up during 1990-91	1991-92	1992-93 Upto 31-10-92
1.	Ahmedabad and (Gandhinagar)	265	476	412
2.	Baroda	52	70	61
3.	Rajkot	33	64	197
4.	Surat	123	59	217
5.	Bhavnagar	41	79	65
6.	Bulsar	25	51	80
7.	Bhuj	26	03	44